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Mark Krippel  
Program Manager  
Kerr-McGee Chemical LLC  
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Dear Mr. Krippel:

This letter shall serve to express our dissatisfaction with Kerr McGee's performance of environmental remediation at the DuSable Park site. In Kerr McGee's letter of September 13, 2002 an offer was made to perform remediation as a civic gesture with the understanding that this parcel of land would be developed as a park. This letter did not state that all work would cease by October 4, 2002, but instead that the crews would be available to perform this work until mid-October. This promise raised expectations with the interested public that Kerr McGee would perform its work in a professional and reasonable manner. A newspaper article in today's Chicago Tribune highlighted this expectation.

In fact, Kerr McGee has refused to complete the remediation, and to perform testing on the site to the satisfaction of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Chicago Park District. We have been informed that the crews will be laid off effective today, October 4, 2002, and that they will not be returning to complete the work. This decision will leave the site with remaining contamination concerns and 5 open holes creating a public safety hazard. It is the Chicago Park District's strong desire that Kerr McGee perform its obligations as promised.

Please call me to discuss this matter at (312) 742-4602.

Sincerely,

Maria G. Garcia  
General Counsel

Cc: David Doig, General Superintendent & CEO  
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